

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
Esp@ceNet, USPTO, WPAT - Keywords (hearing, deaf, aid, amplifier, vent, tube, test, perception, feedback, plug) and similar terms

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	US 6167138 A (SHENNIB) 26 December 2000 column 17 line 36 - column 18 line 45, figures 11 & 15	1 - 9
X	US 5645074 A (SHENNIB et al.) 8 July 1997 figures 11 - 15, column 18 lines 11 - 25	1 - 9
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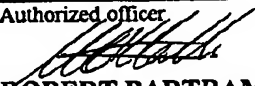
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